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Docket No.: ZIMMER

In re Application of:)
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING WEAKENED)
ZONES IN SHAPED PLASTIC PARTS BY)
MEANS OF ULTRA SOUND CUTTING)

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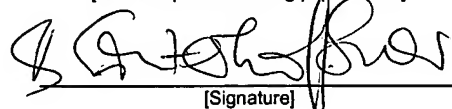
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to D) which were cited in the instant specification and to references E) to L). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	6,440,051	Lauzon	08-27-2002
B)	USA	2001/0045728A1	Kansteiner et al.	11-29-2001
C)	Europe	EP 0 711 627	Bauer	07-12-2000
D)	Germany	DE 44 09 405	Robin et al.	09-29-1994
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I)	USA	6,239,046	Veiga et al.	05-29-2001
J)	USA	6,354,623	Delmastro	03-12-2002
K)	USA	6,402,189	Gray et al.	06-11-2002
L)	USA	6,440,514	Ueno et al.	08-27-2002

Copies of European and German references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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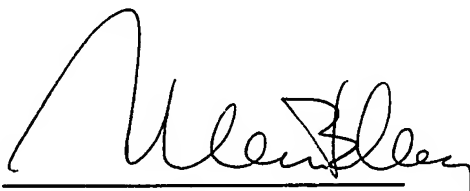
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The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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